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SUBJECT: PETITION FROM GREEK CYPRIOT WOMEN'S ORGANIZA-
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FOLLOWING PETITION WAS DELIVERED TO EMBASSY SUNDAY APRIL
20 BY DEMONSTRATION NUMBERING 3,500 TO 4,000, LED BY
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "PHILANTHROPIC ASSOCIATION OF
GREEK CYPRIOT WOMEN" (WHOSE PRESIDENT IS THE WIFE OF
CYPRUS HIGH COMMISSIONER ASHIOTIS):

"HIS EXCELLENCY, THE AMBASSADOR FOR THE UNITED STATES

"TODAY THOUSANDS OF REFUGEE WOMEN IN CYPRUS ARE
MARCHING PEACEFULLY TOWARDS THEIR OWN HOMES IN FAMAGUSTA.
THEY ARE PROTESTING AGAINST THE CALLOUS INDIFFERENCE OF
THOSE LEADERS OF THE WORLD FOR WHOM CYPRUS IS JUST A
PIECE OF LAND TO BE USED, AND, IF CONVENIENT, CARVED UP
WITHOUT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THAT HUMAN BEINGS ARE
ALSO INVOLVED. A GREAT NUMBER OF FOREIGN WOMEN HAVE
GIVEN THEIR SUPPORT TO THIS MARCH AND THEY ARE WALKING
TOGETHER WITH THE CYPRIOT WOMEN TOWARDS FAMAGUSTA.

"WE THANK THE US CONGRESS, AS THE REPRESENTATIVES

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OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, FOR THEIR COURAGEOUS STAND IN

OPPOSITION TO THE ILLEGAL USE OF US MILITARY AID FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF CYPRUS, AND IN FAVOR OF ETHICAL STANDARDS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS. WE ALSO THANK THE US CONGRESS FOR ITS VOTE OF \$25 MILLION IN AID TO THE CYPRUS REFUGEES.

"WE REQUEST THE US EMBASSY TO TRANSMIT THIS LETTER TO THE CONGRESS, TOGETHER WITH A STRONG PROTEST TO THE US ADMINISTRATION FOR ITS SHAMELESS SUPPORT OF ILLEGAL AND IMMORAL AGGRESSION, WHICH IT APPEARS TO JUSTIFY ON THE CYNICAL GROUNDS OF GEO-POLITICAL ADVANTAGE. WE ALSO PROTEST AT THE PRESSURE IT HAS APPLIED IN FAVOR OF A BIZONAL SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD DEPRIVE MANY CYPRIOT WOMEN OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A SAFE RETURN TO THEIR HOME, AND KEEP THE ISLAND IN A CONSTANT STATE OF MILITARY TENSION.

"WE CALL ON THE US ADMINISTRATION TO JOIN THE CONGRESS IN UPHOLDING INTERNATIONAL MORALITY AND THE RULE OF LAW.

"IN 1975, WHICH HAS BEEN NAMED WOMAN'S YEAR BY THE UNITED NATIONS, WE MAKE FOR THE WOMEN OF CYPRUS ONE BASIC AND INCONTROVERTIBLE DEMAND - NAMELY THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION OF NOVEMBER 1974, THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO THEIR HOMES, AND TO REMAIN THERE IN SAFETY AND PEACE." (SIGNED BY MRS. ASHIOTIS,PRESIDENT)

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